



Ready Cub!



**Scouting
America**
Greater Boston



Ready Cub!



Vision

To develop youth, their families, and by extension, our communities in preparedness for health and safety in the event of personal emergencies or community disasters through evidence-based scouting activities, FEMA resources, and in collaboration with local preparedness partners.

Background to *Ready Cub!* . . .

Given our collective experience with the recent pandemic, climate change, inflation, domestic political challenges, and global tensions, it is increasingly important to unify as a community to enhance our readiness for health and safety in response to personal emergencies or widespread disasters.

The Purpose of *Ready Cub!* . . .

The goal of *Ready Cub!* is to enrich the existing Cub Scout adventures with resources from external partners like the Federal Emergency Management Agency & the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (FEMA/MEMA) and local first responders. At the same time Ready Cub! also seeks to strengthen community ties; between individuals, families and community partners such as first responders, schools, voluntary agencies and others.

FEMA/MEMA & Cub Scouting. . .

The Spirit of Adventure Council is actively working with FEMA/MEMA to bring together youth interested in supporting disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities by completing disaster preparedness projects. This *Ready Cub!* material uses FEMA educational tools such as [STEP \(Student Tools for Emergency Planning\)](#) and more to boost/enrich some of the Cub Scouts' requirements related to emergency readiness.

Get Started with *Ready Cub!* . . .

Getting started on *Ready Cub!* is easy. There are three “levels” to the program:



What you can do in the **Den**

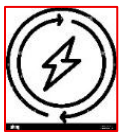


What you can do in the **Pack**



What you can do in the **Community**

The *Ready Cub!* program offers resources for youth, families, den leaders, cubmasters, and more. Each section links to tools that help you meet your den/pack requirements. This guide shows how *Ready Cub!* activities can support your annual pack plan while recruiting new members and engaging partners.



Learning is Fun with Boosters!

Boosters enhance the level of learning through interactive videos and activities designed for scouters’ age and understanding. Check them out on each page where you will find links to videos and other materials to download.

To Earn the *Ready Cub!* patch review and complete the following:

1. The selected Adventures from the Cub Scout handbooks by Rank and complete these together with the *Ready Cub!* Booster for each Rank. Pack level requirements are specified in the section about “Earning The Patch / Pack Recognition”
2. Learn how to build community partnerships in your town (adult recognition opportunity)
3. After individuals, dens, pack, and or adults complete the requirements, request your *Ready Cub!* [patch here](#). The patch represents your commitment to the *Ready Cub!* vision!



Ready Cub! Kindergarten

Complete
Requirements 1-4.

Earn your Lion Adventure: Mountain Lion (Required)

- 1 Identify the Cub Scout Six Essentials. Show what you do with each item.
- 2 Take a walk outside spending for at least 20 minutes exploring the outdoors with your Cub Scout Six Essentials. While outside, identify things that you see with your Lion adult partner that are natural and things that are manmade.
- 3 Discover what S.A.W. means.
- 4 Identify common animals that are found where you live. Separate those animals into domesticated and wild.

Ready Cub Lion Booster



Materials needed:

Coloring pages found in the annex

Markers or crayons



Den Leader download and print the coloring pages and distribute to the Cubs. (Refer to Appendix for quick access)

1. While the Cubs color the pages ask them these questions:

- A. What is happening in the picture- Flood, Fire, Lightening
- B. What is the danger? High water, burning house, electric shock
- C. How can you be safe? Be ready with your family to move to higher ground, get out of the house and call 911, remember,

"When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!"

2. Learning and Leadership:

Ask the Cubs how they might help a friend learn what to do in an emergency.

or



As a Pack or Den visit your local first responders (Fire/Police/EMS), Sheriff, Coast Guard, National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and learn what they do for health and safety in our community.

If possible, consider inviting them to begin your visit with a Flag Ceremony, including the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law.



For more information on how to plan and organize a visit with first responders, please refer to the "**Ready Cub!** – Strengthen Your Community" section of the Ready Cub guide.



Ready Cub! First Grade

Earn your Tiger: Safe & Smart (Elective)

Complete requirements 1-7.

- 1 Memorize your address. Recite it to your Tiger adult partner or den leader.
- 2 Memorize an emergency contact's phone number. Recite it to your Tiger adult partner or den leader.
- 3 Show you can Stop, Drop, and Roll.
- 4 With your Tiger adult partner or den leader, create a fire escape plan for your home or den meeting place. Include your outside meet-up spot. Practice the escape route you would take.
- 5 With your Tiger adult partner, find the location of the smoke detectors in your home or den meeting place. Confirm they are working properly.
- 6 With your Tiger adult partner or den leader, learn why matches and lighters are only for adults.
- 7 Visit an emergency responder station or have an emergency responder visit your den.

Ready Cub Tiger Booster



Materials:



Download and print a copy of the [Family Communications Plan \(Kids\)](#) (pg. 33 Step Manual) (Refer to Appendix for quick access).

Instructions:

- Distribute the Plan. Read the headings of the contact boxes and ask the Cubs why these would be important.
- Out of Town Contact: This is needed incase your family decides it would be safer to locate with someone outside your neighborhood or to be the main person of contact for all family members.
- Neighborhood meeting place: This could be a school, library, local store or other public place nearby.
- Work information: This is in case you need to contact a parent or caregiver.

Be sure to send the plan home with Cubs and ask them to return the completed form at the next meeting.

Or



As a Pack or Den, ask the Cubs to bring a friend to a visit at your local first responders (Fire/Police/EMS), Sheriff, Coast Guard, National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to learn what they do in your community. Consider inviting them to begin your visit with a Flag Ceremony, including the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law. For more information on how to plan and organize a visit with first responders, please refer to the "*Ready Cub!* – Strengthen Your Community" section of the Ready Cub guide.

TIP! A first-responder partnership would support requirement 7 of the Safe & Smart adventure and you could reciprocate your visit by parents bringing food/snacks/drinks to the first responders when visiting and/or offering a clean-up project of their choice (any community place).



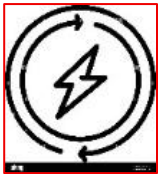
Ready Cub! Second Grade

Earn your Wolf Adventure: Paws on the Path (Required)

Complete
Requirements 1-5.

- 1 Identify the Cub Scout Six Essentials. Show what you do with each item.
- 2 Learn about the buddy system and how it works in the outdoors. Pick a buddy for your walk.
- 3 Identify appropriate clothes and shoes for your walk outside. Do your best to wear them on your walk..
- 4 Learn about the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace Principle for Kids.
- 5 Take a walk outside for at least 30 minutes to explore nature in your surroundings. Describe 4 different animals, domestic or wild, that you could see on your walk.

Ready Cub Wolf Booster



Instructions:

After the outdoor walk, ask the Cubs what they might do if a buddy were to get a cut on the walk. What would they do if someone fell and possibly broke a bone? Offer them the choice of these homework opportunities as a booster:



1. As a family, download the [American Red Cross First Aid App](#). Explore 3 topics and complete the quizzes. Share your badges with your den leader.
2. Learn what goes into a family first aid kit and make sure your family kit is stocked. [Build a Kit | Ready.gov](#)
3. Ask the cubs to take a picture of their family first aid kit and be prepared to discuss the contents at the next meeting.

OR



As a Pack or Den visit your local first responders (Fire/Police/EMS), Sheriff, Coast Guard, National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and learn what they do for health and safety in our community. If possible, consider inviting them to begin your visit with a Flag Ceremony, including the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law.



For more information on how to plan and organize a visit with first responders, please refer to the "Ready Cub! – Strengthen Your Community" section of the Ready Cub guide.



Ready Cub! Third Grade

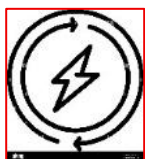
Earn your Bear Adventure: Bear Habitat (Required)

Complete
Requirement
1-9

- 1 Prepare for a 1-mile walk by gathering the [Cub Scout Six Essentials](#) and weather appropriate clothing and shoes.
- 2 "Know Before You Go" Identify the location of your walk on a map and confirm your 1-mile route.
- 3 "Choose the Right Path" Learn about the path and surrounding area you will be walking on.
- 4 "Trash your Trash" Develop a plan for what you will do with your personal trash or trash you find along the trail.
- 5 "Leave What You Find" Take pictures along your walk or bring a sketch book to draw 5 things that you want to remember on your walk.
- 6 "Be Careful with Fire" Determine the fire danger rating along your path.
- 7 "Respect Wildlife" From a safe distance, identify as you look up, down, and around you, 6 signs of any mammals, birds, insects, reptiles.
- 8 "Be Kind to Other Visitors" Identify what you need to do as a den to be kind to others on the path..
- 9 Go on your 1-mile walk while practicing your Leave No Trace Principles for Kids..

Ready Cub Bear Booster

Prepare with Pedro [Prepare with Pedro | Ready.gov](#)
Information video for Den Leaders: [Prepare with Pedro Activity Book](#)



Materials:

1. Download Prepare with Pedro, Wild Fires: [Prepare with Pedro! Wildfire](#)
2. Download and print copies of pages 19 and 20 of Prepare with Pedro Activity Book: [Prepare with Pedro - Disaster Preparedness Activity Book](#)
3. Crayons/markers



Instructions:

1. Show and read the Prepare with Pedro; Wildfires book. Ask the Scouts if there are things around their home that they could do to prevent fires.
2. Pass out the Pedro Activity pages 19 and 20. Allow time for the Scouts to color the pages and do the evacuation activity on page 20.

OR



As a Pack or Den visit your local first responders (Fire/Police/EMS), Sheriff, Coast Guard, National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and learn what they do for health and safety in our community. If possible, consider inviting them to begin your visit with a Flag Ceremony, including the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law.



For more information on how to plan and organize a visit with first responders, please refer to the "Ready Cub! – Strengthen Your Community" section of the Ready Cub guide.



Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP)

[Student Tools for Emergency Planning \(STEP\) Program](#)

Inspire youth to prepare with FEMA's Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Curriculum. STEP is a modular emergency preparedness curriculum with fun activities that can be used in many different settings, inside and outside of school.

Geared for students in fourth grade and above, the program guides students on how to create emergency kits and family communication plans. At the same time, it teaches students about disasters, from severe weather to wildfires.

Teachers, Scout Leaders, youth leaders, and High School age Scouts can teach this program. STEP includes three core lessons that can each be taught in as little as **30 minutes**.

Tip: For the Scout badge requirement, you need only teach the core curriculum

STEP lesson materials include:

1. Instructor guide
2. Disaster Dodgers Video:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL720Kw_OojlLXAc3P4kZMAbaQiyYCSXit
3. Classroom activities Student handouts and homework assignments
4. Suggestions for how to involve family members and the larger community

Get STEP Materials

To download the STEP curriculum, visit [Student Tools for Emergency Planning | Ready.gov](#)

Watch the videos on FEMA's YouTube channel. The STEP curriculum and videos are also available for free [Disaster Dodgers: Introduction to Emergency Planning](#)

Want To Know More About Disasters and Emergency Preparedness Before You Begin? FEMA provides information on different types of disasters and emergencies; maps that identify the locations of historic disaster activity; and what to do before, during, and after an incident on their website at [Plan Ahead for Disasters | Ready.gov](#).



Ready Cub! Fourth Grade

Earn your Webelos Adventure: My Safety (Required)

Complete requirements 1-4

- 1 With permission from parents or legal guardians, watch the [Protect Yourself Rules](#) video for the Webelos rank. (22minutes)
- 2 Identify items in your house that are hazardous and make sure they are stored properly. Identify on the package where it describes what to do if someone is accidentally exposed to them. [My Safety | Scouting America](#)
- 3 Identify ways you and your family keep your home or your meeting space safe.
- 4 Complete the Be Prepared for Natural Events worksheet. Complete a worksheet for at least two natural events most likely to happen near where you live. [Be Prepared for Natural Events | Scouting America](#)

Ready Cub Webelos Booster



Student Tools for Emergency Planning, STEP

Read introduction to Step on page 10

Materials:

1. Download the [STEP Manual](#)
2. Equipment to show the [Disaster Dodgers Video](#)
3. Copies of the Home Safety Checklist pg 47 Step Manual
4. Crayons, markers

Instructions:

1. As a Den, introduce "STEP" Student Tools for Emergency Planning
2. Complete STEP - Fires Supplemental Hazards Lesson – Video 3 See Instructor Guide [STEP Supplemental Hazard Lesson - Fires](#)
3. Using paper and markers/crayons have each Scout create a fire escape plan of their home. Include where to meet outside in an emergency.

OR



1. As a Pack or Den Practice a "no Notice fire drill". After the drill is over ask them what they did well and how they might improve their actions. Did they notice their "buddy"? Did they all meet at the designated outdoor location?
2. Visit your local first responders (Fire/Police/EMS), Sheriff, Coast Guard, National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and learn what they do for health and safety in your community.



Consider inviting a local Fire professional to teach the STEP section regarding FIRE at your Den, Pack or school after-school program. Begin your visit with a Flag Ceremony, including the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law. For more information on how to plan and organize a visit with first responders, please refer to the "Ready Cub! – Strengthen Your Community" section of the Ready Cub guide.

TIP! A first-responder partnership would support requirement 2-4 above and you could reciprocate your visit by parents bringing food/snacks/drinks to the first responders when visiting and/or offering a clean-up project of their choice (any community place).



Ready Cub! Fifth Grade

Complete AOL Adventure: First Aid (Required)

Complete 1-7

1. With permission from parents or legal guardians, watch the **Protect Yourself Rules** video for the Arrow of Light rank.
2. Explain what you should do if you encounter someone in need of first aid.
3. Demonstrate what to do for hurry cases of first aid: serious bleeding, heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest, stopped breathing, stroke, poisoning.
4. Demonstrate how to help a choking victim.
5. Demonstrate how to treat shock.
6. Demonstrate how to treat the following: cuts and scratches, burns and scalds, bites and stings of insects and animals, and nosebleed.
7. Make a personal first aid kit. Demonstrate the proper use of each item. [20]

Ready Cub AOL Booster



Student Tools for Emergency Planning (See Page 10)

As a Den, introduce "STEP" Student Tools for Emergency Planning, if not completed as a Webelos Scout, using the Activity Book and, if possible, use the video.

Materials:



1. Video Equipment [Disaster Dodgers: Introduction to Emergency Planning](#)
2. [Download, print, and distribute "Emergency Supplies: At Home and Away" \(pg. 41-42 STEP manual\)](#)

Instructions:



1. Complete Home Safety Checklist at home and be prepared to share your list at the next meeting. (pg. 47)
2. Create a Disaster Supply Kit (STEP pg 41-42) and checklist at home. Take a photo of the kit and be prepared to discuss what is in it.
3. Complete Preparing for Disasters worksheet pg. 31 as a group discussion. Consider businesses that might have hazardous materials or trains that might cross through the town. Use these websites to explore additional potential for emergencies: Go to <http://www.ready.gov/kids> and click on the "See What's Happening in Your State!" button. Some other sources for information include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ([Just for Kids](#)) and the U.S. Geological Survey ([Earthquakes for Kids](#)).
4. Complete Videos 4 (severe weather) and 5 (Earth quakes)

Tip! When completing family activities and home, ask the Scouter to report back what they did to the Den (ex. show maps or a kit, take a picture of the plan, and share a story about how the Scout did the activity).

Supplemental Lessons- AOL

As a Pack or Den visit your local first responders (Fire/Police/EMS), Sheriff, Coast Guard, National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and learn what they do for health and safety in our community.

If possible, consider inviting them to begin your visit with a Flag Ceremony, including the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law. For more information on how to plan and organize a visit with first responders, please refer to the "Ready Cub! – Strengthen Your Community" section of the Ready Cub guide.

TIP! A first-responder partnership would support many of the First Responder requirements and you could reciprocate your visit by parents bringing food/snacks/drinks to the first responders when visiting and/or offering a clean-up project of their choice (any community place).





Ready Cub!

Earning The Patch

After individuals, dens, pack, and or adults complete the requirements below, request your **Ready Cub!** Patch here. The patch represents your commitment to the **Ready Cub!** vision!

Individual Youth- Den Recognition

Each den can earn the Ready Cub patch by completing the requirements specified for each den in this guide, including the Booster section specified.

Adult Recognition

1. Have an emergency plan and first aid kit at every meeting
2. Create or have a scout create a safety message to be shared at each meeting
3. 51% of scouts complete their **Ready Cub** Activities & Boosters at your den/ pack level

OR **Achieve one of the following:**

1. Build or manage a first responder/school partnership for at least one year with a succession plan in place
2. [Request and complete the Spirit of Adventure Basic Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) Hybrid Training](#)

Pack Recognition - Certificate of Pack Ready Cubs! Achievement for unit (presented to Pack & Charter Partner)

1. 33% of Dens complete **Ready Cub!**
2. Invite a speaker from a local fire, police, veteran organization to lead the opening ceremony with scouts. And provide a short inspirational message.
3. Practice an emergency procedure/ drill while at a Pack event. For many units, September is the first Pack meeting of the new scout year, which also happens to be National Preparedness Month.
4. Start each pack meeting with a safety briefing for 1 year.
5. [Assign an adult to track Den and Pack Progress and submit a report of activities to the Council by the end of the Scouting year \(June 30\)](#)



Ready Cub!

Strengthen Your Community

Scouting relies on community partnerships to provide opportunities for our youth to learn and grow. Community partners are sought to provide leadership, materials, and programming to encourage youth participation. Our partnership with Federal Emergency Management Agency & the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (FEMA/MEMA) creates an umbrella environment to set the stage for deeper and local first responders and schools partnership by our local scout units. Read more below how your Pack can reach out to first responders and schools to create a better and stronger community together.

First Responders & Cub Scouting. . .

Community first responders are sought to provide leadership, subject expertise, and inspiration to encourage youth participation and interest in emergency preparedness on a local level. Every rank in Cub Scouting (5-10 years) has a requirement to talk to or visit their local fire, police or EMS station and virtually all kids love that element of their adventure! First responders have for years readily welcomed visits by our Cub Scouts and by actively planning for regular yearly visits on a community level of Cub Scout units (i.e. Packs) together we could more consistently and holistically make our brave community first responders available to more youth, both Cub Scouts and non-scouts. We invite any first responder to study our Ready Cub! material to learn about our deep commitment to emergency preparedness and respect for our first responders' great service to our community.

Building Partnerships with Your Community First responders

Until the change of the cub scout program in 2024 every rank in cub scouting had a requirement to talk to or visit their local fire, police or EMS station and virtually all kids loved that element of their adventure. In Ready Cub we are bringing this back as a fun activity for all ranks!

Arrange talks/visits with local fire, police, and EMS chiefs. Give them the Ready Cub! material, which shows how cub scouts learn emergency preparedness from ages 5 to 10. Propose setting up an annual month for Cub Scouts to visit all three first responder branches. Start with one Pack, then invite others, or organize it jointly. Focus launching the initiative and expanding as more units participate.

Example

- Lion & Tiger – Visit the fire station in September
- Wolf & Bear – Visit the police station in October
- AOL – Visit the EMS first responders in November

1. Consider national days and months of preparedness and safety recognition. September is **Preparedness Month** and October 28 is **National First Responders Day**. On this day we recognize the heroic men and women who dedicate their lives to take immediate action when disaster strikes.
2. Ask your Den or Pack how many people can attend any event. Allow Scouts in the units involved to have the first chance to sign up for participation.

After a set period, let your Scouts invite non-Scouts of cub scout age to join the event. Bringing friends helps others experience scouting and can boost recruitment for your Pack. Coordinate with school administrators about the event and request they share the link with interested students and parents who may want to participate in these free learning opportunities with **Spirit of Adventure Scouts**.

3. Start every first responder visit with an adult or youth leader, thanking and introducing the first responders on behalf of the units involved. Make sure to welcome any non-scouts in the audience; and ask them to come and see you if they would like to know more about Cub Scouting.
4. Check with the Emergency Manager Chief to see if the Pack(s) could return the generous invitation by requesting that parents bring food, snacks, or drinks that first responders might enjoy. Try using a tool like Sign-Up Genius, [Register for a Free Account](#)- Free Online Sign-Up forms, to organize the best variety of snacks for responders. Other ways to thank local emergency responders include selecting a clean-up project recommended by the Chief or having the cubs write Thank You cards highlighting what they learned during their visit.

All dens have community service to achieve every year.

Tip: To ensure the ongoing success of these valuable partnerships, consider appointing an enthusiastic adult to oversee the relationship. This person can help maintain positive communication, gather feedback, and coordinate future visits—strengthening connections and making each experience even more meaningful for everyone involved!

Is There a First Responder Day in Your Community?

National First Responders Day on October 28 recognizes the heroic men and women who make it their business to take immediate action when disaster strikes. Congress designated October 28th as National First Responders Day in 2017. The resolution honors the firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and all those who are first on the scene in stressful situations.

1. If your community has a First Responder Day, ask about joining in with Ready Cub materials and get ready to be part of the event! Show off the emergency preparedness training that Cub Scouts receive, it's a great way to support first responders and invite new members to join your group.
2. If there is nothing of its kind in your community, don't be afraid to explore! Establishing a partnership with first responders might be the right triggering event for setting one up a First Responder Day recognition to show your support. Maybe such an event could join an already existing town fair.
3. All units, Packs, Troops, and Crews, could attend this event highlighting what their Scout unit is doing in emergency preparedness.
Examples: HAM Radio activities, assembled First Aid Kits, demonstrating bandaging techniques, displaying a Pet "Go Kit" in emergencies, demonstrating how to position a victim or stop a bleed. Also consider displaying Scouter posters made by the scouts depicting community activities or activities from STEP. Scouters demonstrating skills is a great way to be a part of the community!



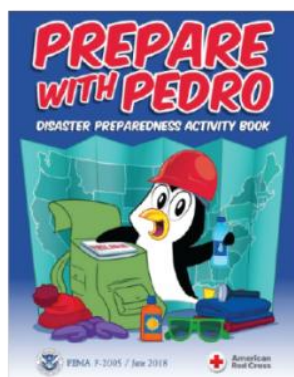
Elementary Schools & Cub Scouting. . .

We aim to extend our **Ready Cub!** program to all young individuals, regardless of whether they participate in Cub Scouts. Accordingly, we are inviting non-scout youth to engage with our program through elementary school presentations, where trained leaders will deliver age-appropriate FEMA educational content on emergency preparedness, including the following topics:

- [Prepare with Pedro](#) (Grade: 2-3)
- [Student Tools for Emergency Planning \(STEP\)](#) (Grade: 4-5)



You can create and award the class taking either of the two programs with a Ready Cub Certificate [here](#).



Prepare with Pedro (Grade: 2-3)

[Prepare with Pedro](#) is a 30- to 45-minute preparedness education program for grades 2-3. Pedro teaches students how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or a local hazard's.

Pedro is a penguin who loves learning about how he can be prepared and take action during an emergency and stay safe. He visits friends all over the United States and learns about

hazards local to their area like earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and many others!

Prepare with Pedro is a free, youth preparedness program created by the American Red Cross, and partnered with FEMA. This resource is designed to teach young children to be “*prepared and not scared*” and to help their families stay safe during disasters and emergencies through fun activities such as crosswords, coloring pages, matching games, and more!

[>>Download the Activity Book](#)

Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) (Grade: 4-5)



Inspire youth to prepare with FEMA’s **Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP)** Curriculum. The newly updated **STEP** is a modular emergency preparedness curriculum with fun activities that can be used in many different settings, inside and outside of school.

Geared for students in fourth grade and above, the program guides students on how to create emergency kits and family communication plans. At the same time, it teaches students about disasters, from severe weather to wildfires.

STEP includes three core lessons that can each be taught in as little as 30 minutes. Educators can also incorporate five supplemental lessons on specific disasters - severe weather, earthquake, fire, flood, and pandemic emergencies. A series of YouTube videos for kids, called *Disaster Dodgers*, helps introduce each concept, and an activity book offers 18 activities to reinforce ideas and jumpstart creativity.

[>>Download STEP Curriculum Materials](#)

You can create and award the class taking the “**STEP**” program with a Ready Cub Certificate [here](#).

Timing & Flexibility for In-School Presentations

Teachers don’t need “extra” activities in an overcrowded curriculum. The FEMA curriculum is very flexible to be stand alone or to fit into many existing elementary curricula. For example, it can be connected to an upcoming disaster season: tropical storm/hurricane-, snow season, etc. It can also be integrated into science and social sciences to provide context as to why and what we know about earthquakes, hurricanes, precipitation, flooding etc.

For schools that seek to provide leadership in their community, accessing and sponsoring these programs during after-school programs, clubs, or at the beginning or the end of the school year can develop positive relationships between families, community partners, and schools.

How To Invite Your Pack to Your Son/Daughter's School

1. Make sure that you are a registered and fully trained (SYT and position specific training) cub scout leader
2. Download and prepare a presentation of either “**Prepare with Pedro**” or **STEP**. Please visit the Council website for additional information or available training for these if needed.
3. For cub scout leaders to reach out to a son/daughter's teacher/principal at elementary school,
 - a. Introduce yourself and present the opportunity of you presenting either of the two programs, **Prepare with Pedro** or **STEP**, to the class/grade of your son/daughter. You can use any of the descriptive material above about each program to better describe what each is about and duration.
 - b. Ask when your visit on this topic would be most helpful for them. Suggest:
 - ☐ Linked to the season: tropical storm/hurricane-, snow season
 - ☐ After School program
 - ☐ Right before the end of school year
 - ☐ September is National Preparedness Month
 - ☐ National First Responders Day on October 28
 - c. In the classroom, introduce yourself in uniform, and tell the class which Pack you are from and let them know you are happy to answer any questions about cub scouting.
 - d. At completion of the class please hand out the Ready Cub Certificate for the program to all participants. Consider using the help of teachers to fill out the names of students on the Certificates.
 - e. If your Pack has any planned activities like a first responder visit, pack/den meeting or other event, please consider inviting the participants/class.

National Events & Cub Scouting

Below are two highly relevant national events related to emergency preparedness and should present your Pack with great opportunities to be an active participant together with other parties in your town.

National Preparedness Month - September

September is National Preparedness Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time — with or without warning.

For many Packs, their first Pack meeting of the new Scout year is in September. It is an excellent opportunity to observe National Preparedness Month by practicing an emergency procedure/drill while at a Pack meeting. While doing this the Pack is earning one of the requirements for the **Ready Cub!** patch.

National First Responders Day - October 28

National First Responders Day, October 28, recognizes the heroic men and women who make it their business to take immediate action when disaster strikes. Congress designated October 28th as National First Responders Day in 2017. The resolution honors the firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and all those who are first on the scene in stressful situations.



It is an excellent service project for Packs to participate in activities that honor their communities' first responders on National First Responders Day. Read more about this in the section **Ready Cub!** – Build Partnerships.

Resources:

First Aid Kit Sales



The First Aid Kit sale is a risk-free unit fundraiser designed to help youth and units fund their yearly Scouting adventures (including summer camp).

- The kits are priced from \$16 - \$120.
- The participating unit will keep 40% commission of their in-person sales!

There is a kit available for everyone - homeowners, sports enthusiasts, pet owners, large families, and businesses! The kits make great Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, and any time of the year gifts. They are also great to have in sports bags, backpacks, cars, purses, etc. Kits are non-perishable and can be gifted or delivered to family and friends at a later time.

First Aid Kit Fundraiser Timeline

This fundraiser is run on a yearly basis typically between March through June.

How to Participate

If your unit is interested in participating, please reach out to:

Mark Maurice - mmaurice@carrier.com

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**DO YOU KNOW NOT TO STAND UNDER
A TREE WHEN THERE IS LIGHTNING?**

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Family Communication Plan

*Let them know
you're OK!*

Pick the same person for each
family member to contact. It might
be easier to reach someone
who's out of town.

Emergencies can happen at any time. Does your family know how to get in touch with each other if you are not all together?

Before an emergency happens, have a family discussion to determine who would be your out-of-state point of contact, and where you would meet away from your home — both in the neighborhood and within your town.

Important Information

Fill in this information and keep a copy in a safe place, such as your purse or briefcase, your car, your office, and your disaster kit. Be sure to look it over every year and keep it up to date.

Out-of-Town Contact

Name: _____
Home: _____
Cell: _____
Email: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place:

Regional Meeting Place:

Work Information

Workplace: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____

Workplace: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____

School Information

School: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____

School: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____

School: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Facebook: _____
Twitter: _____
Evacuation Location: _____



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Important Information *(continued)*

Family Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Important Medical Information: _____

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Important Medical Information: _____

Medical Contacts

Doctor: _____

Phone: _____

Doctor: _____

Phone: _____

Pediatrician: _____

Phone: _____

Dentist: _____

Phone: _____

Dentist: _____

Phone: _____

Specialist: _____

Phone: _____

Specialist: _____

Phone: _____

Pharmacist: _____

Phone: _____

Veterinarian/Kennel: _____

Phone: _____

Insurance Information

Medical Insurance: _____

Phone: _____

Policy Number: _____

Homeowners/Rental Insurance: _____

Phone: _____

Policy Number: _____



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Text, don't talk!

Unless you are in danger, send a text. Texts may have an easier time getting through than phone calls, and you don't want to tie up phone lines needed by emergency workers.

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